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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, LONDON SIGNAL INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: Release of CGM to [redacted] Government

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PL 86-36/50 USC 3605

1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 8 December 1952

2. USCIB is pleased to learn that LSIB concurs in USCIB's decision to release the CGM to the [redacted] Government. In this respect, it is pertinent to note that USCIB would not have taken this decision as it did but for the knowledge that LSIB had received adequate notice of the [redacted] intentions. Despite this, however, it is regretted that LSIB was not directly informed of this matter before the USCIB decision was made. It is believed that the combination of circumstances attending these negotiations, as described below, may be informative and helpful in understanding the lack of official prior notice to LSIB.

5. The matter was placed before USCIB in July 1952. In weighing

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6. Based upon these considerations, a decision was finally made by USCIB in favor of assisting the [] and LSIB was advised of U.S. intentions in advance of any definite commitment to the []. In fact, the machines requested by them have not yet been provided nor has any other technical assistance been supplied.

7. With respect to your inquiry concerning "technical assistance as an alternate or supplement," the latter refers to changeable elements, instructions for operation, security regulations, etc., and even the possibility of providing keys and of wiring rotors. The former refers in particular to a paper and pencil cryptographic system as a substitute for a cipher machine. However, a suggestion that such a system might be used met with no interest on the part of the [] representative.

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